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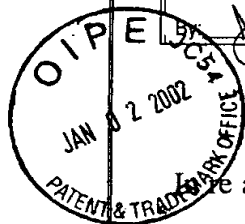
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re application of:

**BEVERLY S. PACKARD and AKIRA  
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Application No.: 09/874,350

Filed: 06/04/2001

For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE  
DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN  
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND METHODS  
OF USE THEREOF**

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Examiner: unassigned

Art Unit: unassigned

*PRE AMENDMENT  
AT  
PT #12  
11-20-02*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO  
ACCOMPANY RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed on August 17, 2001, Applicants enclose the following:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 1 month;
- 2) A signed declaration;
- 3) A Power of Attorney and Certificate of Assignee under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b);
- 4) A Copy of the Notice of Missing Parts; and
- 5) A sequence listing paper copy and computer readable format (CRF).

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

**In the Specification.**

After the abstract, please insert the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-177).

Delete the paragraph at page 25, lines 13-26 and insert the following:

--In a particularly preferred embodiment, aa<sup>1</sup> and aa<sup>10</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of lysine, ornithine and cysteine; aa<sup>2</sup>, aa<sup>3</sup>, aa<sup>8</sup> and aa<sup>9</sup> are independently selected from

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